c) Amendments to the Claims

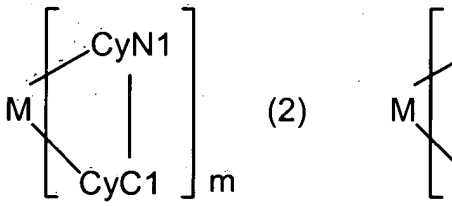
Kindly cancel claims 3, 4, 10 and 11 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter.

Please amend claims 1 and 9 as follows. A detailed listing of all the claims that are or were in the application is provided hereafter.

--1. (Currently Amended) A metal coordination compound represented by formula (1) below:

$$ML_mL'_n \qquad (1),$$

wherein M is a metal atom of Ir, Pt, Rh or Pd; L and L' are mutually different bidentate ligands; m is 1[[, 2]] or ~~3~~ 2 and n is [[0,]] 1 or 2 with the proviso that m+n is 2 or 3; a partial structure MLm is represented by formula (2) shown below and a partial structure ML'_n is represented by formula (3) ~~or (4)~~ which is different from formula (2) shown below:



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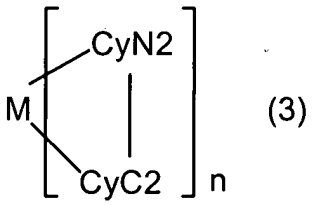

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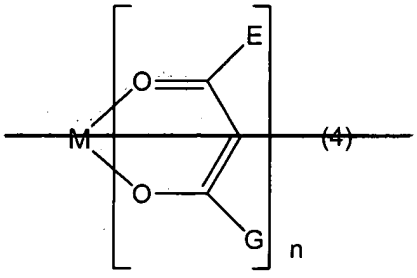

(4)

wherein CyN1 and CyN2 are each cyclic group capable of having a substituent, including a nitrogen atom and bonded to the metal atom M via the nitrogen atom; CyCl and CyC2 are each cyclic group capable of having a substituent, including a carbon atom and bonded to the metal atom M via the carbon atom with the proviso that the cyclic group CyN1 and the cyclic group CyC1 are bonded to each other via a covalent bond and the cyclic group CyN2 and the cyclic group CyC2 are bonded to each other via a covalent bond;

the optional substituent of the cyclic groups is selected from a halogen atom, cyano group, a nitro group, a trialkylsilyl group of which the alkyl groups are independently a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms, a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms of which the alkyl group can include one or non-neighboring two or more methylene groups that can be replaced with -O-, -S-, -CO-, -CO-O-, -O-CO-, -CH=CH- or -C≡ C-, and the alkyl group can include a hydrogen atom that can be optionally replaced with a fluorine atom; ~~or an aromatic group capable of having a substituent which is selected from an aromatic group capable of having a substituent (that is a halogen atom, a cyano atom, a nitro atom, a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms of which the alkyl group can include one or non-neighboring two or more methylene groups that can be replaced with -O-, -S-, -CO-, -CO-O-, -O-CO-, -CH=CH- or -C≡C-, and the alkyl group can include a hydrogen atom that can be optionally replaced with a fluorine atom), a halogen atom, a cyano atom, a nitro atom, and a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms (of which the alkyl group can include one or non-neighboring two or more methylene groups that can be replaced with -O-, -S-, -CO-, -CO-O-, -O-CO-, -CH=CH- or -C≡C-, and the alkyl group can include a hydrogen atom that can be optionally replaced with a fluorine atom);~~

~~E and G are independently a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms of which the alkyl group can include a hydrogen atom that can be optionally replaced with a fluorine atom, or an aromatic group capable of having a substituent (that is a halogen atom, a cyano atom, a nitro atom, a trialkylsilyl group of which the alkyl groups are independently a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 - 8 carbon atoms, a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms of which the alkyl group can include one or non-neighboring two or more methylene groups that can be replaced with -O-, -S-, -CO-, -CO-O-, -O-CO-, -CH=CH- or -C≡C-, and the alkyl group can include a hydrogen atom that can be optionally replaced with a fluorine atom;~~ and

the cyclic groups CyN1, CyN2, CyCl and CyC2 have at least one aromatic substituent capable of having a substituent which is selected from ~~an aromatic group capable of having a substituent (that is a halogen atom, a cyano atom, a nitro atom, a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms of which the alkyl group can include one or non-neighboring two or more methylene groups that can be replaced with -O-, -S-, -CO-, -CO-O-, -O-CO-, -CH=CH or -C≡C-, and the alkyl group can include a hydrogen atom that can be optionally replaced with a fluorine atom),~~ a halogen atom, a cyano atom, a nitro atom, a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms (of which the alkyl group can include one or non-neighboring two or more methylene groups that can be replaced with -O-, -S-, -CO-, -CO-O-, -O-CO-, -CH=CH or -C≡C-, and the alkyl group can include a hydrogen atom that can be optionally replaced with a fluorine atom).

2. (Withdrawn) A metal coordination compound according to Claim 1, including a partial structure ML'_n represented by the formula (3) in the formula (1).

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Original) A metal coordination compound according to Claim 1, wherein in the formula (2), CyN1 is pyridyl group and CyC1 is naphthyl group.

6. (Withdrawn) A metal coordination compound according to Claim 1, wherein in the formula (2), CyN1 is pyridyl group and CyC1 is thienyl group.

7. (Withdrawn) A metal coordination compound according to Claim 1, wherein in the formula (2), CyN1 is pyridyl group and CyC1 is benzothienyl group.

8. (Original) An electroluminescence device, comprising: a pair of electrodes disposed on a substrate, and a luminescence unit comprising at least one organic compound disposed between the electrodes, wherein the organic compound comprises a metal coordination compound represented by the formula (1) in Claim 1.

9. (Withdrawn) ~~A metal coordination compound~~ An electroluminescence device according to Claim 8, including a partial structure ML'_n represented by the formula (3) in the formula (1).

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Original) An electroluminescence device according to Claim 8, wherein a voltage is applied between the electrodes to emit light.

13. (Original) An electroluminescence device according to Claim 8, wherein a voltage is applied between the electrodes to emit phosphorescence.

14. (Original) A picture display apparatus, comprising an electroluminescence device according to Claim 8, and a means for supplying electric signals to the electroluminescence device.--